

January-March 2021 Significant Actions/Activities

Activity Date (MM/DD/2021)	Division	Title (include site, location)	Brief Description
10/9/2020	WD	Federal Register Notice on the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Variance and Exemption Rule Primacy Approval	On September 22, 2020, the Safe Drinking Water Branch made a determination that the TCEQ had met all the requirements to receive primacy for the Texas Variance and Exemption Rule and a letter giving interim primacy for the Rule was sent. EPA Region 6 is in the process of publishing the decision in the Federal Register and several newspapers across Texas. The Federal Register Notice was submitted on 10/09/2020 but has not yet been published due to a backlog at the Office of the Federal Register. We are anticipating that it will be published sometime in late January early February. Once published the 30-day comment period can begin.
10/27/2020	LCRD	Arkansas Underground Storage Tank State Program Approval	FR Publication Pending.
11/20/2020	ARD	Texas; Clean Air Act Requirements for Enhanced Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) and Nonattainment New Source Review (NNSR) (FRL-10016-31-Region 6)	Pending FR publication. This is a proposed rule to approve revisions to the Texas State Implementation Plan (SIP) submitted on May 13, 2020, that confirm the Clean Air Act (CAA) requirements for enhanced motor vehicle I/M and NNSR for serious ozone nonattainment areas are met in the Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) and Houston-Galveston-Brazoria (HGB) ozone nonattainment areas. The DFW and HGB areas are classified as serious ozone nonattainment for the 2008 8-hour ozone national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS). A 30-day public comment period will begin with publication in the FR.
12/3/2020	LCRD	Texas CCR approval	Pending FR publication? Today, December 3, 2020, the EPA Administrator signed the completeness letter and Federal Register notice for the proposed approval of the partial Texas CCR permit program. This letter begins the statutory 180-day review period under RCRA section 4005(d). If approved, the Texas CCR permit program will operate in lieu of the federal CCR program, except for the items listed in the Federal Register notice that are not part of the State submission. During the next 180 days, there will be a 60-day public comment period and EPA will hold a virtual public hearing on February 2, 2021. EPA will then consider all public comments and make its final determination by June 1, 2021. In addition to the completeness letter, EPA will publish a notice in the Federal Register and a Technical Support Document in the docket for this action. Additional information will be included at the link below once it is published.

12/12/2020	LCRD	Hazardous Waste Management System; Identification and Listing of Hazardous Waste (FRL-10017-28-Region 6)	FR Pending Publicaton. EPA is proposing to modify an exclusion from the lists of hazardous waste previously granted to American Chrome and Chemical (Petitioner), in Corpus Christi, Texas. This action responds to a petition for amendment to exclude (or “delist”) up to 1,450 cubic yards per year of K006 chromic oxide solids from the list of federal hazardous wastes when disposed of in an on-site surface impoundment in lieu of disposal in a Subtitle D Landfill. The Agency is proposing to grant the petition based on an evaluation of waste-specific information provided by the petitioner.
12/14/2020	SEMD	Federal Register Notice for Delta Shipyard Superfund Site, Houma, LA	Federal Register Notice for the Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) cash-out/ability-to-pay with Dean Services West, LLC (PRP). FR Publication Pending.
12/14/2020	ARD	Texas; Clean Air Act Requirements for Nonattainment New Source Review and Emission Statements for the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (FRL-10017-19-Region 6)	Pending FR Publication. We are proposing to approve portions of a SIP revision submitted by the State of Texas on June 24, 2020, that describes how CAA requirements for NNSR and emission statements are met in the DFW, HGB, and Bexar County ozone nonattainment areas for the 2015 ozone NAAQS.
12/14/2020	ARD	Infrastructure for the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (O3 i-SIP) (FINAL ACTION)	FR Pending Publication. Final approval of a SIP revision that demonstrates that the Arkansas SIP meets the Clean Air Act (CAA) infrastructure requirements for the 2015 Ozone NAAQS and approval of revisions to Arkansas regulations that cite the 2015 Ozone NAAQS. The proposed action was signed by the RA in June, 2020.
12/14/2020	ARD	Louisiana Infrastructure SIP: Visibility Transport for 2015 Ozone and other NAAQS (PROPOSED APPROVAL)	FR Pending Publication. RA Signature on a proposed approval of the Louisiana infrastructure SIP for the 2015 ozone NAAQS, and reversal of previous disapprovals for visibility transport for 5 additional NAAQS (2006 PM2.5, 2008 Ozone, 2010 NOx, 2010 SO2, and 2012 PM2.5).
12/14/2020	ARD	Marginal Nonattainment Areas - TX NNSR and Emissions Statement Proposal (PROPOSED APPROVAL)	FR Pending Publication. Proposed rule approving revision to the Texas SIP confirming CAA marginal ozone nonattainment area requirements for Nonattainment NSR and emissions report certification by facilities are met in DFW, Houston, and san Antonio nonattainment areas for the 2015 ozone air quality standard. These areas are classified as Marginal for the 2008 8-hour ozone national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS).

12/14/2020	ARD	Houston Serious Nonattainment Area Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) (PROPOSED APPROVAL)	FR Pending Publication. Proposed approval of the Texas plan to implement Reasonably Available Control Technology for the 2008 serious ozone standard in the Houston-Galveston-Brazoria nonattainment area. EPA is approving the proposal because it will help bring the area into attainment with the 2008 National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Ozone.
12/25/2020	ORC	EPA Complaint No. 27R-16-R6	INFORMAL RESOLUTION AGREEMENT between the ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY and the UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. Julie Linck to let me know that Becky Keogh has approved the agreement! They have a call in to let the governor know but anticipate no concerns. I think Michael will probably get back to us tomorrow on it and we can go ahead and prepare the agreement for signature.
1/4/2021	LCRD	American Chrome and Chemical Delisting Petition Approval	This is a delisting request from the company to change their disposal procedures from offsite to onsite. Federal Register notice to publish the proposed rule for public comment is ready to be signed. Anticipate it will be signed the first week in January.
1/5/2021	ARD	Deepwater Port (DWP) CAA Permitting - Phillips 66 Bluewater Texas (BWTX) DWP	The ongoing Public Comment for CAA Proposed PSD and Title V Permits and Associated Case-by-Case MACT Determination resulted in a request for public comment period extension and a public hearing. A virtual public hearing is scheduled for January 5, 2021 and Public Comment will now end on January 11, 2021 (30 days beyond original closure) for this permitting action.
1/6/2021	ORA	New Mexico Border Health Border Group Monthly Meeting	Exchange ongoing program activities and projects by local staff representing academia, state agencies, EPA, state and federal legislative representatives. EPA's Border Program is assigned to speak one month of the year including TCEQ and NMED partners.
1/8/2021	ARD	Comment Letter on Texas Regional Haze SIP	Providing comments on Texas plan for the second planning period.
1/8/2021	ARD	LA, ALBQ, NM, AR HMIWI neg dec	EPA anticipates RA signature on a final notice accepting negative declaration from LA, ABQ, NM, and AR that there are no units subject to the Hospital, Medical and Infectious Waste Incinerator emission guidelines in those States
1/8/2021	ORA	Regional Emergency Management Meeting	Exchange of ongoing activities between local, state, federal emergency response and health preparedness entities in El Paso, Texas. EPA staff provides updates any relevant activities. The current focus has been on COVID-19 response, entities are at liberty to discuss any topic.

1/11/2021	ORA	Issue Texas Gulf link Deepwater Port License Application Draft EIS comment letter	The proposed offshore components would be located in Federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico, in Galveston Area Outer Continental Shelf lease blocks GA 423 and GA A 36, approximately 26.6 nautical miles off the coast of Brazoria County, Texas, at a water depth of approximately 104 feet. The entire Proposed Action would consist of the newly constructed offshore DWP, pipelines connecting the DWP to the source of crude oil to be exported, an onshore crude oil storage facility, and other onshore support facilities. The proposed onshore components would include an incoming pipeline connected to an existing 40 inch pipeline leased and operated by ExxonMobil Pipeline Company at the Bryan Mound Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) to the proposed Texas Gulf Link (TGL) Jones Creek Terminal; the TGL Jones Creek Terminal; and a proposed outgoing pipeline from the TGL Jones Creek Terminal to the connection with the offshore pipeline off the coastline just southwest of the Brazos River Delta.
1/11/2021	ORA	Issue Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary Expansion Project Final EIS comment letter	The proposed action is to expand, as appropriate, the network of protected areas within the sanctuary (i.e., those areas in which existing sanctuary regulations and management actions would apply).
1/11/2021	WD	Texas Partial Program Request for Authorization for NPDES Oil & Gas Permitting	The Federal Register Notice regarding the TCEQ's seeking program authorization of the NPDES Oil and Gas Program for permitting produced water, hydrostatic test water, and gas plant effluent from the Railroad Commission to the TCEQ was published in the Federal Register on November 27, 2020. The TCEQ submitted its formal package on October 12, 2020, and the EPA made a completeness determination on November 12, 2020. A public hearing/meeting is currently planned for January 5, 2021. The deadline to make an approval/disapproval determination of the proposed program is January 11, 2021. The State and EPA are discussing next steps regarding the final deadline.
1/12/2021	ORA	January Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) Conference Call	The RTOC will hold its first call with new Tribal Caucus leadership. The Office of Mountains, Deserts and Plains (OMDP) will participate on the call.
1/15/2021	ARD	Houston Reasonable Further Progress	EPA anticipates RA signature on final rule approving plan demonstrating reasonable progress in reducing VOC and NOx emissions in the Houston/Galveston/Brazoria County Area.
1/15/2021	ARD	El Paso Remand 2017 Ozone Attainment	HQ OAR decision. Remand decision on attainment demonstration using same record. If disagree with state recommendation (attainment) have to issue 120 day letter and final action would take about 1-year for non-attainment.

1/15/2021	WD	Oklahoma 2020 303(d) list	ODEQ will submit their 2020 List of Impaired Waters - 303(d) List - for RA approval/disapproval in early January 2021. EPA will have 30 days to approve or disapprove the List once submitted. Currently, no issues have been identified that would lead to a disapproval action and once submitted, a timely approval is anticipated.
1/15/2021	ARD	Regional Haze State Implementation Plan, Phase III Domtar	Region 6 and OAQPS are finalizing action on the final portion of the Arkansas Regional Haze SIP and intend to complete the action by mid-January 2021. The Phase III SIP revision includes Domtar's BART alternative approach and revises all of the prior BART determinations for Power Boilers No. 1 and 2 at the Ashdown Mill. The Phase III SIP submittal also incorporates plantwide provisions from the August 1, 2019, issued permit including emission limits and conditions for implementing the BART alternative for Domtar. The comment period ended on April 15, 2020, and Region 6 received numerous relevant adverse comments.
1/16/2021	ARD	Deepwater Port (DWP) CAA Permitting - Texas Gulf Link (TXGL) DWP	112(g) Application Completeness Review Ongoing for Determining Notice of MACT Approval (NOMA) - This is a new application, where prior application was withdrawn in order to address deficiency concerns. Currently the completeness letter is targeted for issuance on 12/16/2020. Following the completeness letter issuance, EPA has 30 days to issue a Notice of Intent to Deny if the NOMA is not approvable. Potential determination on intent to approve/disapprove NOMA in mid-January 2021 per 40 CFR 63.43.
1/16/2021	ARD	Tribal CAA Permitting - Lindrith Compressor Station, Jicarilla Apache Tribal Lands in Oklahoma	Public Notice planned on Draft CAA Title V Permit Renewal for Lindrith Compressor Station, located on Jicarilla Apache Tribal Land, with current goal date to begin 30-day public comment period on January 16, 2021. Tribal Consultation letters have already gone out for this project.
1/17/2021	ORA	Issue Farmington Mancos-Gallup Resource Management Plan Preliminary Final EIS comment letter	The purpose of the Farmington Mancos-Gallup Resource Management Plan Amendment Environmental Impact Statement is to develop leasing stipulations and other oil and gas development criteria through the EIS process.
1/21/2021	WD	Bosque River TMDL Implementation Workgroup Meeting	TCEQ has formed a Stakeholder workgroup to consider revisions to the State's Implementation Plan adopted for the Bosque River Watershed TMDL. Region 6 attends the meetings as an informational source and is not a voting member of the workgroup.

1/25/2021	WD	Drinking Water Five State Meeting	The Annual Drinking Water Five State meeting is scheduled to take place virtually on January 25 and 28, 2021. The meeting gathers the program directors and key staff from all five of the Region 6 states. The four half day sessions will allow the states and EPA to directly communicate and share strategies they have utilized over the past year to increase drinking water compliance.
1/25/2021	ORA	Issue Upper Barataria Basin, Louisiana Feasibility Study Revised Draft EIS comment letter	The study's purpose is to address flooding. Without a project to address flooding risks, the Upper Barataria Basin study area would continue to be at risk of damages from storm events. These impacts would be exacerbated due to heavy rainfall coupled with increases in relative sea level change.
1/28/2021	ORA	Joint Advisory Committee Extraordinary Meeting	Joint Advisory Committee (JAC) Extraordinary meeting for Air Quality Improvement in the El Paso, Texas; Dona Ana County, New Mexico; and Juarez, Chihuahua shared air basin. The extraordinary session will be held to discuss the Binational Fund Initiative for supporting Air Quality Monitoring Network. No motion of resolution would take place during the Extraordinary meeting.
1/31/2021	ARD	LA Regional DERA Grant	LA Regional DERA grant issuance in January at \$1,034,880.
1/31/2021	LCRD	TCEQ RCRA Cluster XXIV authorization final rule	Proposed rule was published in November and public comment period ended on December 7. Anticipate the final FR notice will be issued in January depending on extent of comments received.
1/31/2021	LCRD	WRB Refining Delisting Approval	Request from the company for solids cleaned from four stormwater tanks to be removed from the list of federal hazardous wastes when disposed of in a Subtitle D Landfill. Anticipate proposed approval to be published by the end of January in the Federal Register for public comment.
1/31/2021	LCRD	FJ Doyle Ready for Reuse Determination	The Former F.J. Doyle Salvage Transformers Facility, an inactive site, will be issued a Ready for Reuse (RfR) determination by January 31, 2021. RfR provides in-depth information regarding a property (historical use, cleanup actions taken, residual contaminants of concern, etc.), and also details the engineering and institutional controls required to ensure long-term remedy protectiveness. The purpose of RfR is to promote expedited, yet protective cleanups.
1/31/2021	LCRD	Waste Control Specialists (WCS), Andrews, TX	Reauthorization for Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCB) commercial storage facility. (PCB permitting action)
1/31/2021	LCRD	Texas Electric Cooperative, Georgetown, TX	Acknowledgement of closure of Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCB) commercial storage facility. (PCB permitting action)

1/31/2021	WD	Cornerstone Chemical Petition No Migration Reissuance Notice of Deficiency Letter	R6 UIC section expects to transmit a notice of deficiency letter by this date that addresses a requested reissuance of the facility's no migration petition for numerous issues associated with historical waste management practices involving mixing of incompatible waste streams in the site's hazardous waste injection wells.
1/31/2021	WD	Issuance of NPDES Permit NM0030414 Rio Del Oro WWTF	Final decision on issuance of administratively continued permit covering wastewater discharges from the Rio del Oro WWTF in NM. Signature by Water Division Director.
1/31/2021	WD	Issuance of NPDES Permit NM0030112 Seven Springs State Fish Hatchery	Final decision on modification of permit covering wastewater discharges from the Seven Springs State Fish hatchery in NM that was requested by permittee. Signature by Water Division Director.
1/31/2021	WD	Pontchartrain Program (EPA's Geographic Programs under Section § 1273 of the Act)	Senior staff decisions are needed on grant management, program delegation, Conference Management/local stakeholders' involvement, and request administrative funds for the Region.
2/1/2021	LCRD	National Pesticide Safety Education Month	Expecting to host an Integrated Pest Management webinar, and amplify Headquarters' crafted messages.
2/2/2021	LCRD	Texas Coal Combustion Residuals Permit Program Application- Virtual Public Hearing	A virtual public hearing is planned for February 2, 2021, for the proposed approval of the partial Texas Coal Combustion Residual (CCR) permit program. On Dec. 3, 2020, the EPA Administrator signed the completeness letter and FRN for the proposed approval, beginning the statutory 180-day review period under RCRA section 4005(d). The FRN was published on Dec. 8, 2020, beginning a 60-day public comment period that will run through February 8, 2021.
2/3/2021	ORA	New Mexico Border Health Border Group Monthly Meeting	Exchange ongoing program activities and projects by local staff representing academia, state agencies, EPA, state and federal legislative representatives. EPA's Border Program is assigned to speak one month of the year including TCEQ and NMED partners.
2/5/2021	ORA	Regional Emergency Management Meeting	Exchange of ongoing activities between local, state, federal emergency response and health preparedness entities in El Paso, Texas. EPA staff provides updates any relevant activities. The current focus has been on COVID-19 response, entities are at liberty to discuss any topic.
2/6/2021	WD	Louisiana WQS Triennial Revision	LDEQ submitted its 2016 WQS triennial revisions to EPA on December 8, 2020. EPA must approve the submission by February 6, 2021, or disapprove by March 8, 2021. Staff anticipate recommending approval of these revisions in January 2021, assuming USFWS concurs with EPA's determination that LDEQ's adoption of ammonia criteria are not likely to adversely affect T/E species.

2/11/2021	ARD	Tribal CAA Permitting - Choctaw Defense Manufacturing, Choctaw Tribal Lands in Oklahoma	Public Notice planned on Draft CAA Synthetic Minor-NSR Permit for Choctaw Defense Manufacturing facility, located on Choctaw Tribal Land, with current goal date to begin 30- day public comment period on February 11, 2021. Tribal Consultation letters have already gone out for this project.
2/11/2021	ARD	Tribal CAA Permitting - Choctaw Casino & Resort Pocola, Choctaw Tribal Lands in Oklahoma	Public Notice planned on Draft CAA Minor-NSR Permit for Choctaw Casino & Resort Pocola (Pocola Casino), located on Choctaw Tribal Land, with current goal date to begin 30-day public comment period on February 11, 2021. Tribal Consultation letters will be sent out at least 30 days prior to Public Notice.
2/11/2021	ORA	Joint Advisory Committee for Air Quality (79th Meeting)	Joint Advisory Committee (JAC) for Air Quality meeting quarterly meeting will be held for Air Quality improvement in the Juarez, Chihuahua; El Paso, Texas; Dona Ana County, New Mexico region. Stakeholders and 21 Official JAC members are expected to attend. At the JAC meeting a motion to move forward on a creative initiative to assure financial support to Juarez's Air Quality Monitoring Network. The JAC offers a platform for sharing expertise on USEPA's and Mexico's National Emissions Inventory, strategies for reducing O3, CO and PM pollution with a basin-wide approach. The JAC also provides a platform for efforts associated to vehicle traffic pollution on cardio-respiratory risk factors on low income population.
2/12/2021	ARD	LA OSWI neg. decision	EPA anticipates RA signature on a proposed notice accepting negative declaration from Louisiana that there are no units subject to the Other Solid Waste Incinerator emission guidelines in the State
2/15/2021	ARD	NMED 2018 Exceptional Events Final Demonstration	Signature by Regional Administrator. Concurrence expected on NMED's request to exclude specified PM10 data due to exceptional events caused by high wind dust events on multiple days at multiple monitoring locations. The exclusion will remove the data from calculation of the design value for attainment of the national ambient air quality standard for particulate matter with a diameter of less than or equal to 10 microns.
2/18/2021	ARD	Tribal CAA Permitting - Transwestern Pipeline Company Compressor Station, Laguna Tribal Land in New Mexico	Public Notice planned on Draft CAA Title V Permit Renewal for Transwestern Pipeline Company Compressor Station, located on Laguna Tribal Land, with current goal date to will begin 30-day public comment period on February 17, 2021. Tribal Consultation letters will be sent out at least 30 days prior to Public Notice.
2/18/2021	ARD	Texas Diesel Emissions Reduction Incentive Program SIP	EPA anticipates RA signature on a proposal to approve the Texas Diesel Emissions Reduction Incentive Program SIP revision.
2/18/2021	ARD	Oklahoma SIP revision for volatile organic compound emissions	EPA anticipates RA signature on a proposal to approve an Oklahoma SIP revision for volatile organic compound emissions.

2/18/2021	ARD	Texas Visibility Transport	EPA anticipates RA signature on a final rule disapproving the visibility transport SIPs for the 2012 PM and 2015 Ozone NAAQS
2/18/2021	ORA	Amistad and Falcon Regional Task Force Meeting	Border 2020 Emergency Preparedness Leadership Binational meeting to get a better understanding of local priorities and needs, in addition, since there has been change in personnel in US and Mexican side, this will serve as a kickoff meeting with locals to review the goal of the border program, discuss plans for sister-cities and risk analysis. In addition, by identifying priorities this will help EPA to use in future RFP
2/19/2021	ARD	Texas OSWI plan	EPA anticipates RA signature on a proposed rule approving the Texas plan for existing Other Solid Waste Incinerators
2/19/2021	ARD	OK HMIWI & OSWI neg dec	EPA anticipates RA signature on a proposed notice accepting negative declaration from Oklahoma that there are no units subject to the Other Solid Waste Incinerator or Hospital, Medical and Infectious Waste Incinerator emission guidelines in the State
2/25/2021	ARD	Ethylene Oxide Discussion with Texas and Louisiana	Expected discussion between EPA and the States of Louisiana and Texas in late January 2021 to strategize communications with nine specific facilities emitting ethylene oxide and the communities near the facilities. The discussion is anticipated to include technical assessments of the nine facilities with a focus on current and potential emission controls for ethylene oxide and protocols for conducting public meetings with the local leaders and their communities. We expect to complete 9 technical assessments and update the EPA website in March 2021. We expect to also discuss possible community outreach plans for EtO for work that could occur in the April/May 2021 timeframe.
2/25/2021	ARD	Base Year Emissions Inventory SIP for Dallas, Houston and San Antonio	EPA anticipates RA signature on a proposal to approve the Base Year Emissions Inventory SIP for Dallas, Houston and San Antonio.
2/25/2021	ARD	Oklahoma Visibility Transport	EPA anticipates RA signature on a proposed rule approving the visibility transport SIPs for the 2015 ozone NAAQS and disapproving the VT SIPs for two additional NAAQS
2/25/2021	ARD	NM and ABQ OSWI neg. decision	EPA anticipates RA signature on a final notice accepting negative declarations from New Mexico and City of Albuquerque that there are no units subject to the Other Solid Waste Incinerator emission guidelines in their jurisdiction
2/26/2021	SEMD	Federal Register Notice for Vermiculite Products	The Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) will cash-out the Vermiculite Products PRPs and will include insurance proceeds

2/28/2021	WD	Final Federal Register Notice for New Mexico UIC Class I Program Rule Revision	Anticipated date for publication of final Federal Register Notice by HQ for New Mexico UIC program Class I hazardous waste injection well rule revision.
3/3/2021	ORA	New Mexico Border Health Border Group Monthly Meeting	Exchange ongoing program activities and projects by local staff representing academia, state agencies, EPA, state and federal legislative representatives. EPA's Border Program is assigned to speak one month of the year including TCEQ and NMED partners.
3/4/2021	ARD	General Updates to the Oklahoma SIP	EPA anticipates proposing approval of the 2019 annual updates to the Oklahoma SIP for incorporation by reference in late March/early April. This proposed approval will apply statewide. The proposed approval will include a discussion of SAFETEA implications. EPA will offer tribal consultation on the proposed action. Note that EPA expects the ODEQ to submit the 2020 annual SIP update package for EPA review in December 2020 or January 2021. We may choose to include the 2020 updates in our proposed action; timing on the proposal may be adjusted accordingly.
3/5/2021	ORA	Regional Emergency Management Meeting	Exchange of ongoing activities between local, state, federal emergency response and health preparedness entities in El Paso, Texas. EPA staff provides updates any relevant activities. The current focus has been on COVID-19 response, entities are at liberty to discuss any topic.
3/10/2021	ARD	Texas SMWC plan	EPA anticipates RA signature on a proposed rule approving the Texas plan for Small Municipal Waste Combustors
3/15/2021	WD	Approval of site-specific copper criteria in Texas WQS	EPA has completed technical review of site-specific aquatic life criteria for copper, which were developed by a regulated facility for its wastewater discharge. TCEQ has initiated public participation on the site-specific criteria, through the permitting process. If TCEQ does not receive any public comments, EPA should be able to approve the site-specific copper, shortly after public comment period concludes (anticipated late-February).
3/21/2021	ARD	Arkansas Regional Haze Phase 3 and Visibility Transport Final Action	EPA anticipates RA signature on a final rule to approve the Arkansas Phase 3 regional haze and Visibility transport SIP revisions
3/23/2021	ARD	Louisiana SO2 transport SIP	EPA anticipates RA signature on a proposal to approve the Louisiana SO2 transport SIP.
3/23/2021	ARD	Texas SO2 transport SIP	EPA anticipates RA signature on a proposal to approve the Texas SO2 transport SIP.
3/25/2021	ARD	Dallas Reasonable Available Control Technology SIP	EPA anticipates RA signature on a proposal to approve the Dallas Reasonable Available Control Technology SIP.

3/30/2021	ARD	Dallas Reasonable Further Progress and Contingency Measure SIP	EPA anticipates RA signature on a final rule to approve the Dallas Reasonable Further Progress and Contingency Measure SIP.
3/31/2021	ARD	Deepwater Port (DWP) CAA Permitting - Enterprise Products (SPOT) DWP	EPA provided Public Notice on the CAA Proposed PSD and Title V Permits in November and the comment period ended in December of 2019, but final permit issuance for the PSD and Title V permits is on hold pending USCG/MARAD issuance of a final Record of Decision (ROD) for this DWP project. EPA began drafting a Response to Comments (RTC) document to address the one public comment letter received and will be in a position to issue the final permits and RTC in anticipation of the ROD issuance by USCG/MARAD (tentative planned issuance in either March/April of 2021 pending ROD decision by other Federal agencies).
3/31/2021	ORA	Environmental Education Grants	It is anticipated that the requests for proposals for Environmental Education grants will be published by 3/31. The timing of the release of the solicitation depends on when funding is approved
3/31/2021	ORA	Environmental Justice Grants	It is anticipated that the requests for proposals for the Environmental Justice Small Grants, Collaborative Problem-Solving Grants and the State Environmental Cooperative Agreements will be published by 3/31. The timing of the release of the solicitation depends on when funding is approved.
3/31/2021	WD	Blaine-Kingfisher Counties UIC-related surface purge testing plan	R6 anticipates submittal of a testing plan by Oklahoma Corporation Commission to determine reservoir communication between surface salt water purging wells and area injection wells over a two county area to aid in mitigation of the purge.
3/31/2021	WD	Louisiana Department of Natural Resource (LDNR) Class VI Primacy application submittal	R6 UIC anticipates that LDNR will submit a complete UIC Class VI primacy application package by this date for a completeness and technical review by both R6 UIC and legal staff and EPA HQ.
3/31/2021	WD	Class V well activities in support of Class VI Permitting Projects	Anticipated date for submittals of initial Class V well projects used to collect reservoir assessment data from proposed Class VI project sites.
3/31/2021	WD	Proposed No Migration Reissuance Petition Decisions for Lyondell and Sasol chemical plants	R6 UIC expects to propose reissuance decisions by this date concerning no migration petition reissuances for Lyondell and Sasol chemical plants.
3/31/2021	WD	Region 6 Groundwater Center Technical Support for State Regulatory Actions	These sites include Los Alamos National Lab (for NMED risk assessment approvals), Kirtland Air Force Base (support for NMED on fuel plume), the former Reese Air Force Base (support to TCEQ on groundwater modeling), and San Juan Creek Basin, N.M. (support to NMED and superfund). Reports and approvals due at various times (e.g. quarterly and specified in consent orders).

3/31/2021	WD	Issuance of NPDES Permit NM0028355- Los Alamos National Laboratory	Final decision on issuance of administratively continued permit covering wastewater discharges from the Los Alamos National Laboratory at Los Alamos, NM. Signature by Water Division Director.
3/31/2021	WD	Issuance of NPDES Permit NM0030759 - Los Alamos National Laboratory	Final decision on issuance of administratively continued permit covering wastewater discharges from the Los Alamos National Laboratory at Los Alamos, NM. Signature by Water Division Director.
4/30/2021	SEMD	Federal Register Notice for Donna Canal	Federal Register Notice for the Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) - cash-out/ability-to-pay with Donna Irrigation District
03/17/2021	ARD	Deepwater Port (DWP) CAA Permitting - Energy Transfer, Blue Marlin Offshore Port (BMOP) DWP	BMOP submitted CAA PSD and Title V Permit Applications and also a 112(g) Case-by-Case MACT Application on September 30, 2020. BMOP requested an extension to respond to EPA's initial incompleteness letters on each application to January 29, 2021, which EPA granted. If supplemental information is provided by the end of January, EPA will continue review of all the applications and will issue the required completeness/incompleteness determinations by early or mid-March 2021.
	ECD	Transocean Offshore Deepwater Drilling, Inc	Referred to DOJ on September 30, 2019. CID has closed their investigation, and civil is proceeding. EPA is refining violations, building violation timelines and calculating penalties in preparation for the law suit.
01/31/2021	ECD	Chemours (La Porte) CAFO	Consent Agreement and Final Order involving CAA/112r violations for failure to comply with the Risk Management Plan requirements.
01/31/2021	ECD	Occidental Chemical (Convent) CAFO	Consent Agreement and Final Order involving CAA/112r violations for failure to comply with the Risk Management Plan requirements.
02/26/2021	ECD	Westlake-Axiall (Lake Charles) CAFO	Consent Agreement and Final Order involving CAA/112r violations for failure to comply with the Risk Management Plan requirements.
03/31/2021	ECD	Formosa	Referred to DOJ on 07/05/2017. The Litigation Report identifies five (5) separate violations of the CAA GDC and 26 separate violations of 40 C.F.R. Part 68.
03/31/2021	ECD	Occidental Chemical (Geismar) CAFO	Consent Agreement and Final Order involving CAA/112r violations for failure to comply with the Risk Management Plan requirements.
03/31/21	ECD	Lowe's (Albuquerque) CAFO	Consent Agreement and Final Order that will include multiple facilities within Region 6.
03/31/21	ECD	Home Depot (Dallas) CAFO	Consent Agreement and Final Order that will include multiple facilities within Region 6.

03/31/21	ECD	Stoller USA (Houston), LLC CAFO	Consent Agreement and Final Order. Produced 12 unregistered pesticides for domestic and global distribution that should be registered as plant regulators because of claims and use. On July 14, 2017, a Stop Sale, Use, or Removal Order (SSURO) was issued against Stoller USA, LLC for 12 products. Five products have been brought into compliance and released. On August 31, 2018, the SSURO was modified to allow the legal sale and/or disposal of the remaining products. Staff drafted CAFO and sent it to ORC. (Less than \$1M Penalty).
04/30/2021	ECD	West Texas Gas	Referred to DOJ on 9/27/2019. The case results from two separate incidents at WTG facilities that resulted in two fatalities, leading to inspections at four WTG facilities. This enforcement case resulted in the identification of 31 counts with a \$5.4 million penalty resulting from Clean Air Act Section 112(r) and 40 CFR Part 68 Chemical Accident Prevention inspections conducted throughout West Texas.
04/30/2021	ECD	Kuraray (Pasadena) CAFO	Consent Agreement and Final Order involving CAA/112r violations for failure to comply with the Risk Management Plan requirements.
04/30/2021	ECD	Lanxess Corporation (Eldorado) CAFO	Consent Agreement and Final Order involving CAA/112r violations for failure to comply with the Risk Management Plan requirements.
04/30/2021	ECD	JX Nippon Chemical (Pasadena) CAFO	Consent Agreement and Final Order involving CAA/112r violations for failure to comply with the Risk Management Plan requirements.
1/12/2021 (to be confirmed)	ORA	3-State Border Partners Staff Leads Meeting	Monthly US-Mexico Border Program virtual meeting with EPA's states, tribes, North American Development Bank, Border Program's Grant & Technical staff, Mexico's SEMARNAT and Mexico's states. The 3-State Region consists of Texas, New Mexico and Chihuahua.
1/14/2021 (to be confirmed)	ORA	4-State Border Partners Staff Leads Meeting	Monthly US-Mexico Border Program virtual meeting with EPA's states, tribes, North American Development Bank, Border Program's Grant & Technical staff, Mexico's SEMARNAT and Mexico's states. The 4-State Region consists of Texas, Coahuila, Nuevo Leon, and Tamaulipas
1/31/2020	ECD	City of Houston Consent Decree Entry	Motion to Enter has been filed with the Court, waiting for entry.
1/31/2020	ECD	City of Corpus Christi Consent Decree Entry	Motion to Enter has been filed with the Court, waiting for entry.
1/31/2021	ECD	HollyFrontier Navajo Refining LLC (Artesia) Referral	EPA Region 6 conducted an onsite inspection and follow-up site visit in late 2019 and issued a Notice of Violation (NOV) on April 24, 2020, to HollyFrontier Navajo Refining LLC for Clean Air Act violations at the Artesia Refinery in Artesia, NM. Region 6 has been coordinating with NMED and AED regarding this Referral that is planned for January 2021.

1/31/21	ECD	Gruene Waste Management (New Braunfels)	Consent Agreement and Final Order involving storage without a permit by a transporter
2/28/21	ECD	United Parcel Service CAFO	Consent Agreement and Final Order for RCRA that will include 119 facilities throughout Region 6.
2/28/21	ECD	StarPak (Houston) CAFO	Consent Agreement Final Order involving generator notification and meeting the requirements of a Large Quantity Generator
2/28/21	ECD	Triumph (Texas) CAFO	Consent Agreement Final Order that addresses two facilities within Region 6
2/28/21	ECD	Texas Flip N Move	This case is concerning the TV Show, Texas Flip N Move, and Respondents, EQ Media, Inc. and FlipNMove Productions, Inc. (the production companies for the show). The Region alleges that Respondents failed to obtain firm certification prior to performing renovations, failed to assign certified renovators to renovations, failed to perform the renovations in accordance with the work practice standards in 40 C.F.R. § 745.85, and failure to obtain records demonstrating compliance.
3/30/2021	ECD	Churchill Downs Consent Decree	Case lodged. Public Comment period. Motion to Enter is next.
3/31/2021	ECD	Firestone Polymers (Sulphur) CD Lodging	Referred to DOJ on 2/26/2018. The violations include multiple permit exceedances; failure to detect, repair, and confirm the repair of leaks in the facility heat exchange systems; operation of the flare; crumb rubber sampling for residual hazardous air pollutants; mechanical integrity issues; and numerous notification and reporting issues under CAA Title V, EPCRA, and CERCLA. Lodging anticipated by 3/31/21.
3/31/21	ECD	Rineco (Haskell) CAFO	Consent Agreement Final Order with notification and hazardous air emissions violations
3/31/21	ECD	3M (Brownwood) CAFO	Consent Agreement and Final Order for RCRA violations found during an inspection.
4/30/2021	ECD	Denka (LaPlace) CD Settlement	CAA violations from a 2016 NEIC inspection at the facility in LaPlace, LA. Chloroprene emissions from the facility have driven the cancer risk in LaPlace to the highest level in the country (06-2017-3404) Draft Consent Decree has been sent to facility and negotiations are ongoing. Target is to reach settlement or file a complaint by April 2021.

4/30/2021	ECD	Oil and Gas Flyovers in Texas and New Mexico Settlements	EPA conducted flyovers of oil and gas facilities in the Permian Basin in 2019 and in the Permian Basin and San Juan Basin in 2020 using optical gas imaging that identified potentially unauthorized emissions. We recently sent NOVOCs and NOPVOCs to companies with facilities in NM and expect to enter into administrative settlements with them in the next few months. We are also beginning to notify companies of observed emissions identified during the 2020 flyovers, but do not anticipate any settlements until later in 2021.
TBD	LCRD	Put Pile No Migration Variance (HQ Action)	Anticipate Federal Register notice to be issued by HQ for public comment.

TBD	LCRD	Arkansas Re-State Program Approval Federal Notice	The Regional Administrator signed this federal register notice to codify EPA's approval of the state programs and incorporate by reference these provisions of the state regulation that have been determined to meet the requirements for approval on October 27, 2020. It is currently awaiting publication in the Office of the Federal Register. Once published the public commenting period will commence and, if no adverse comments, the State Program Approval will become effective. Arkansas has approval under the previous State Program Approval until the Re-State Program Approval is approved, so there are no day-to-day impacts on the Arkansas program.
TBD	WD	San Juan WIIN Act. Grants	The WIIN Act does not include an assistance agreement-making authority for the purpose of implementing watershed projects, therefore, EPA (HQ, R6 and R8) needs to decide which funding authority can be used (CWA Section 319 or CWA 104(b)(3)) to fund upcoming projects. In early 2021, the Pesticides Program expects to complete awards for Multi-Purpose Grants to the state Ag Agencies in New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma. Eligible state agencies can propose projects to support various activities within their state. Past pesticide related projects have included technology upgrades and database construction, outreach activities and education events.
TBD	LCRD	Multi-purpose grants to be awarded	EPA headquarters, R6 and NOAA have coordinated with Texas and Louisiana Reps for "Final CZARA" decisional documents. CZARA addresses nonpoint source pollution problems in coastal waters. This programs is administered jointly with NOAA and EPA. Once approved headquarters, NOAA and R6 Administrator will sign.
TBD	WD	CZARA (TX / LA) approval	

TBD	WD	Sabine-Neches SMMP Approval	Revision to the existing Sabine-Neches Site Management and Monitoring Plan (SMMP). Revising the plan to assist Galveston Corp in upcoming deepening and widening project for Sabine Neches Waterways. Previous plan restricted where new work and maintenance material could be placed - revised plan allows for more flexibility for all 8 sites to accept any material which meets MPRSA. This revision is important for economic and infrastructure in Corps mission while protecting the coastal environment.
TBD	WD	New Mexico 2020 303(d) List	NMED will submit their 2020 List of Impaired Waters - 303(d) List - for RA approval/disapproval in late December 2020 or January 2021. EPA will have 30 days to approve or disapprove the List once submitted. Currently, no issues have been identified that would lead to a disapproval action and once submitted, a timely approval is anticipated.
TBD	WD	TMDLs for Jemez River Watershed	NMED is currently preparing for public comment draft TMDLs for perennial streams in the Jemez River Watershed. No permits are identified in the TMDLs and all TMDLs address nonpoint sources and background pollutants. TMDLs could be submitted to EPA for approval in March though final action would likely occur in April 2021.
TBD	WD	TMDL for Bluewater Lake	NMED is currently preparing for public comment a draft TMDL for Bluewater Lake, NM. No permits are identified in the TMDL and the TMDL addresses nonpoint sources and background pollutants. The TMDL could be submitted to EPA for approval in Feb/March with final action occurring in the March/April time frame.
TBD	ORA	3-State Environmental Education, Environmental Health, Task Force Meeting	US-Mexico Border 2020 Public Environmental Education and Environmental Health and Task Force meeting.